

Faithful to the Scriptures.

True to the Reformed Faith.

Obedient to the Great Commission.

Lord's Day 42 October 19th, 2025



#### Grace to you and Peace!

On behalf of the elders, deacons, and all the saints: Welcome to <u>First Presbyterian</u> <u>Church of Bad Axe</u>. We are pleased that you are here with us today to worship our Triune God. This bulletin contains a liturgy which will guide you through our worship services. We invite you to join us after the service for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Here's a bit of info about who we are and what we believe:

We are a Christian Church: Thus, we believe in the Holy Trinity: One God, in three persons: The Eternal Father, the Eternally-Begotten Son, and the Eternally-Proceeding Holy Spirit. As Christians, we confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3) and codified in the ancient creeds of the Christian Church: The Apostles' Creed (2<sup>nd</sup> century), the Nicene Creed (AD 381), the Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451) and the Athanasian Creed (5<sup>th</sup> century).

**We are a Protestant Church**: As Protestants, although we trace our beliefs and practices to the Apostolic Church, we also have foundational roots in the Protestant Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Protestants believe in the authority of the inspired Holy Scriptures over unbiblical Church tradition. We also believe that salvation is by God's *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*, for the *glory of God alone* (Eph. 2:8–10).

We are a Reformed Church: Reformed Churches originated from different regions, mostly in Western Europe, during the Protestant Reformation. These churches believe and confess the doctrinal summaries of the Holy Scriptures that arose from that time period. Our tradition comes from the Scottish and English Reformations; thus, we believe and confess the Westminster Standards, written in England during the 1640's.

We are a Presbyterian Church. Presbyterians believe that the biblical form of Church government is through called, trained, tested, elected, and ordained elders. In the Greek New Testament, elders are called *presbyters*, which is where the name "Presbyterian" comes from. Our Teaching Elder preaches and teaches, and our Ruling Elders come alongside of him to shepherd, lead, keep the Church from false doctrine, and make decisions on her behalf. We also have trained, tested, called, elected, and ordained deacons who take care of the material needs of the Church.

Reformed Presbyterian Churches hold the public worship of God in high esteem. Thus, our <u>Lord's Day Worship Services</u> are the most important events of the week. During this time, we gather together to hear the Word of God, receive the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper), to pray, to praise, and enjoy Christian fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with me, or with one of our elders or deacons.

Soli Deo Gloria, Rev. Scott C. McDermand II

## Church Life & Announcements

#### THIS SUNDAY: OCTOBER 19<sup>™</sup>

9:55 Announcements & Prelude

10:00 Morning Worship: Word, Sacrament, & Prayer

11:15 Fellowship: Coffee, Tea, & Snacks

11:45 Sunday School

#### THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 20<sup>™</sup> - OCTOBER 25<sup>™</sup>

No PM Service Tonight – We have elders involved in Steve Gonzales' installation service at Christ Church in Ann Arbor at 5:00 pm this evening, so our PM Service in cancelled.

Session Meeting – Monday, October 19th at 4:00 pm.

<u>Theology Thursday: Book Study</u> – Book Sign-up sheet will be on the board soon. Study begins November 13th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries -

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR: FUTURE EVENTS

#### Women's Fellowship Event – October 25th

<u>German Reformation Dinner</u> – Join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual German Reformation Dinner on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> following our PM Service. Service at 5pm, Dinner at 6:15pm. Bring a German dish, dessert, or drink to share. Prost!

**<u>Diaconal Meeting</u>** – Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Lounge.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN NEED OF PRAYER: Ann Armstrong, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; praise for a healthy birth for Yvonne Krug and covenant child Elery Marie; those who serve as caretakers; all who are ill or traveling; long-term care residents: Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart, and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); for those who have ceased attending public worship, that God would reveal to them their sin, and the necessity of worship and fellowship.

**OUR MISSIONARIES:** Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker, the Kawachis (France), the Nachtergaeles (Belgium), the Shupes (British Colombia), and the Wilsons (Middle East), as they work as ambassadors of the King for the advancement of the Gospel of his Kingdom; that we would be missionaries by sharing the gospel and inviting people to our church; that God would grant courage and the words to speak as we interact with family and friends; that we would not be ashamed of sharing the gospel, but always ready to provide a defense for the hope that is within us.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES: That the work of the Session, Diaconate, Sunday School program, Missions Committee, and of all the saints would glorify God and be Great Commission-focused; that our service would edify the church and facilitate growth; that we would remain vigilant and faithful to the Word of God and our denominational standards; that our Sunday school classrooms would be full; for the peace and purity of our church; that our members would take their public vows seriously and attend church regularly; that our people would attend our PM services where the means of grace are offered; that God would be glorified and we would be sanctified as we worship him.

**QUR COUNTRY:** That the civil magistrate would rule with justice and uphold laws; that they would protect and encourage the good and punish the evil; for our local, county, state, and federal civil servants; for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches; that our leaders in government would come to know Christ: The King of kings and Lord of lords, and that their governance would demonstrate that knowledge; that Christians in the United States would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives; that Christians would direct others to God in the way that we live live as salt and light.

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL: That the Kingdom of God on earth would advance through the preaching of the gospel throughout the world; for Christians who are being persecuted and martyred: that they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month, we pray in particular for Christians in North Korea, China, Laos, and Vietnam suffering under Communist and post-Communist oppression.

# PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Dominus Regit Me, John B. Dykes (1868) | Briynne McCrea (Piano)

O God, whose Blessed Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect | For Discipleship

For thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them...I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

The Prophet Ezekiel | Ezekiel 34:1-12, 15-16

Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

St. Luke | Luke 19:7-10

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

St. Peter | 1 Peter 2:24-25

Christ invited himself to Zacchaeus' house – wherever Christ comes he opens the heart and inclines it to receive him. He that has a mind to know Christ, shall be known of him. Those whom Christ calls, must humble themselves, and come down...Zacchaeus gave proofs publicly that he had become a true convert. He does not look to be justified by his works, as the Pharisee; but by his good works he will, through the grace of God, show sincerity of his faith and repentance.

Matthew Henry (1662-1714) | Commentary on Luke

# ~ THE\_DIVINE\_SERVICE ~

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GOD'S GREETING

Galatians 1:4-5

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from

Psalm 95

\*PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 95 – Now with Joyful Exultation

(1-3)

\*RESPONSORIAL from Psalm 95 &

124:5

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

†Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

†Congregation: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

†Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

#### \*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN

#### READING OF THE LAW

Exodus

20:1-16

Minister: The Word of God is living and active.

†Congregation: Sharper than any two-edged sword.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE LAW

Minister: Which is the ninth commandment?
†Congregation: The ninth commandment is:

Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Minister: What is required in the ninth commandment?

†Congregation: The ninth commandment requires:

the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name,

especially in witness bearing.

Minister: What is forbidden the ninth commandment?

†Congregation: The ninth commandment forbids:

whatsoever is prejudicial to truth,

or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Minister: Christian, have you done this perfectly and perpetually?

†Congregation: No, for as the Apostle Paul says,

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and as the Apostle John also writes,

"If we say we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Minister: What then, can we do?

†Congregation: We must turn from our sin,

and turn to Christ as he is offered in the gospel, so that we would be renewed after his image, as we die to our sin, and live unto righteousness.

# SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION CORPORATE CONFESSION

Book of

Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone things which we ought to have done; and we have done things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus.

Grant that we may hence live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9: 1 Peter

2:24-25

\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

457 – Come, Thou Fount of Every

Blessing

# **OUR OFFERINGS**

It belongs to those in the office of elder...to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge, that no corruption of morals enter therein...They should pray with and for the people, being careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached Word among the flock.

Book of Discipline | BCO 8-3

The Holy Scriptures teach that God is the owner of all persons and all things and that we are but stewards of both life and possessions; that God's ownership and our stewardship should be acknowledged; that this acknowledgment should take the form, in part, of giving at least a tithe of our income and other offerings to the work of the Lord through Church of Jesus Christ, thus worshipping the Lord with our possessions.

Book of Worship | BCO 54-1

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Jim Philp

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ruling Elder,

Our Father, Who art in heaven

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

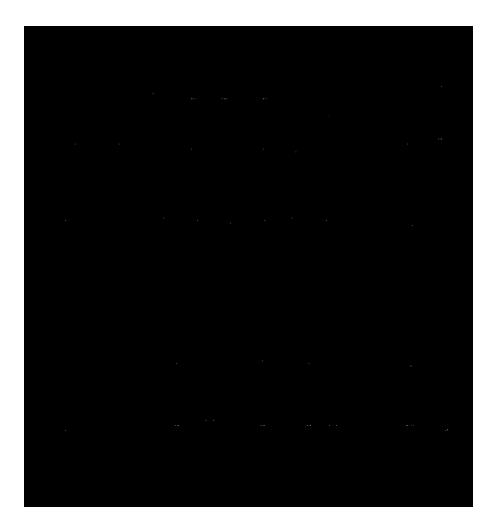
# THE WEEKLY OFFERING

Colossians

3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

#### \*THE OFFERING OF PRAISE



# THE SERMON

It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate upon, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

The Westminster Divines | WLC 160

# \*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SERMON TEXT

Luke

19:1–10

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

†Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever!

SERMON The

Ministry of Jesus:

He Came to Seek & Save the Lost

SERMON NOTES

THE NARRATIVE: JESUS & ZACCHAEUS

THE MEANING: THE SHEPHERD SEEKING & SAVING THE LOST

#### THE APPLICATION: CALLING, SALVATION, & THE FRUIT OF FAITH

PRAYER OF APPLICATION \*HYMN OF APPLICATION (1-4)

473 – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

# THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

# CONFESSION OF FAITH NICENE CREED (AD 381)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets:

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep...so I will seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them...on a day of clouds and thick darkness...And I will set up over them one Shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them."

The Prophet Ezekiel Ezekiel 34:12, 23

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE COMMUNION HYMN

184 - The King of Love My

Shepherd Is

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** 

Sursum Corda (3rd

Cent.)

Minister: Peace be with you.

†Congregation: And also, with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord!**Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

†Congregation: It is good and right for us to give thanks.

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke

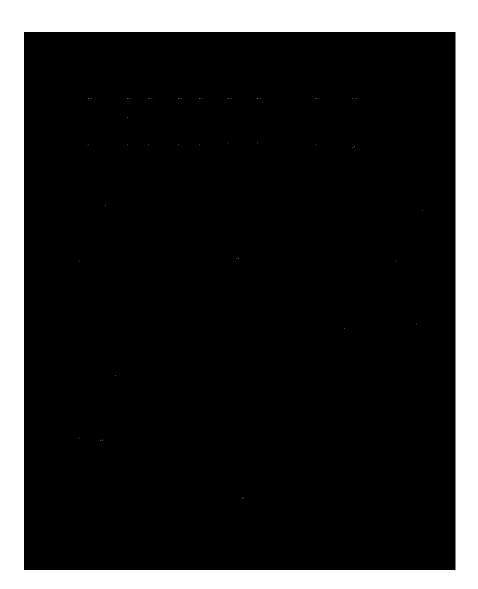
22:17-20

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

\*THE LORD'S SUPPER PRAYER OF APPLICATION

# **DOXOLOGY & BENEDICTION**

\*DOXOLOGY



\*BENEDICTION

Hebrews

13:20-21

\*POSTLUDE

# **EXTENDED PRAYER LIST**

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH: For the health of: Ann Armstrong, Jackson Fluegge, Mark & Michelle Green, Julia Mayes, and Lisa Schember; praise for a healthy birth for Yvonne Krug and covenant child, Elery Marie; for all those who serve as caretakers in our congregation; for those who are ill; and for those who are traveling. For those living in long-term care facilities: Pam Belew (Courtney Manor), Bertha McTaggart and Ann Thaut (Meadow Lanes); that our shut-in ministry would be fruitful and that our members who are able, would participate in our shut-in ministry. For non-attending members: that God would reveal to them their sin and grant them an understanding of the necessity of public worship and the means of grace; that by his Spirit, he would bring them back to the body of Christ so that they would not forsake the communion of the saints and the public worship on the Lord's Day for his glory and their edification. For Visitors: That God would continue to bring in families, couples, and individuals who seek to glorify him, learn the Bible and the Christian Faith, and come to a Reformed understanding of Scripture. Praise for recent visitors and that they would consider membership in our local body of Christ. For our Families: that husbands would love their wives as Christ loves the Church and that wives would submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ. That parents would take seriously their duty to raise and train their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. That fathers would bring their families to Church. That parents would bring their children to Sunday School every Lord's Day. That children would obey their parents and show respect to authorities in the home, church, and society. For our singles: that they would devote themselves to the Lord and to the ministries of the Church; that God would grant marriage to those who desire it. For our widows: that the Lord would provide them support and fellowship through the church; that they would devote themselves to Christ and serve His body. For our College Students: Mackenzie Copeland, Regan Hobkirk, and Hailee McLeod; that they would glorify God in their studies; that they would attend a local church on the Lord's Day; and that God would grant them vocational clarity. For Family Members & Friends of our Church: for the physical and spiritual health of: the family of Kim Brown (Pam Belew's sister); Alfreda Brewer (Pam Belew's friend); Linda Dumaw (Bonnie, Judy, and Sharon's friend: barn fire); Tom Fata (Annette Knapp's brother: colon cancer); Virginia Gembarski (Sharon Gisel's sister: Leukemia): Angie Gonzales (chronic pain): Megan Knight and baby (Pastor Scott's sister who is expecting); Libby Hill and Nancy McLeod (Allan McLeod's aunt and sister-in-law); Marge Mauer (Bonnie Perry's friend: stroke, surgery); Nicole Patterson (Gina's daughter: seizures); Cecil Shuart (friend of the McLeod's); Bob Ziel (Kim's father: Courtney Manor, various health concerns); Anita (Kristin Smith's mother: recovery from heart surgery). For all of our ministries: for faithfulness in our ordained officers, the ability to lead and shepherd for the Elders, strength and energy for the Diaconate, wisdom and a view of the Great Commission for Trustees, for our Sunday School program: attendance (especially for children's catechism). Sunday School teachers, and for those who serve in the Missions Committee. That those who participate in these would be blessed as they humbly serve for the glory of God. That these ministries would facilitate growth in the grace

and knowledge Christ and be fruitful. That God would raise up and send more faithful men to lead and serve. That we would be faithful in obedience to the Holy Scriptures, the Westminster Standards, and the Book of Church Order. That God would bless our Church with more families, couples, and individuals who desire to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve in our Church's ministries. For our worship services: That the Holy Spirit would work through the Ministry of the Word, Sacraments, and prayer for the salvation, sanctification, and preservation of God's people. That through these ordinary means, we would be built up in the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. That we would worship God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. That Christ and him crucified would be preached faithfully, week in and week out. That the gospel would go forth and people would be brought into the local body. That God would send or raise up more musicians and singers to serve him with their gifts. That our giving would increase and be congruent with the blessings that God blessed us with. That we would properly sanctify the Lord's Day and attend to the means of grace. That our members would have a higher view of the Lord's Day and the worship services, and this would be evident in the fruit of their attendance of our morning and evening services.

COMMUNITY & COUNTRY: That in our community, we would be faithful witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ, ready to give a defense of the gospel and the hope that is in us. That we would be lights in a dark place, salt in a flavorless world, a city on a hill. That there would be a need for church planting Reformed Churches in the Thumb; for wisdom, provision, and buy-in regarding the starting a Christian School. That our local, state, and federal civil magistrates would lead, rule, make and enforce laws according to Scripture; that our state and federal laws would protect rather than allow for the destruction of the unborn. That our leaders would bend the knee to Christ and his Rule. For the protection of our armed forces, veterans, law enforcement, doctors, nurses, EMTs and all others serving in dangerous vocations. That the Church in the United States would live according to God's Word and for his glory. That Christians would live quiet, godly, and dignified lives, setting an example for non-believers and bringing glory to God. That our lives and good works would bring God glory and direct others to him and his kingdom. That we would "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." That God would raise up leaders who seek to bring him glory as they serve on behalf of the community, county, state, and federal levels. For protection from government overreach and that the right to gather and worship would protected regardless of the circumstances. That the Church in the United States would grow and thrive from a robust preaching of the Gospel and the whole counsel of God. That God would remove dead branches from the true church as well false churches who teach things contrary to Word of God or preach a false gospel. That he would be glorified in all of this.

OUR MISSIONARIES & THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH: Pray for all of our missionaries: Jim DeWitt (Latin America), Lynn Hacker (Zambia), the Kawachi's

(France), the Nachtergaele's (Belgium), and the Wilsons (Middle East), and the Shupes (Canada). This month, we pray in particular for the Nachtergaele's in Belgium. For our congregation: that we would be missionaries in our own contexts by inviting and bringing our family, friends, and neighbors to participate in the many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and learning that our Church offers. As Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." For persecuted Christians throughout the world who are suffering because of the Cross. That they would be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ and that their persecutors would be converted through this witness. This month we pray in particular for Christians living under Communist and post-Communist oppression in North Korea (1), China (15), Laos (22), and Vietnam (44).

## **INFORMATION & STATISTICS**

#### THE SESSION

Wayne Copeland Ruling Elder, Missions
Chris Fluegge Ruling Elder, Trustee
Scott McDermand Teaching Elder, Moderator
Jim Philp Ruling Elder, Clerk, Trustee
Kim Ziel Ruling Elder

# THE DIACONATE

Bob Hobkirk Board Member, Trustee

Allan McLeod Board Member

Scott McDermand Advisory Member, Moderator

Sharon Carpenter Diaconal Assistant
Dan Clarkson Diaconal Assistant
Greg Davis Diaconal Assistant
Linda Herndon Diaconal Assistant
Carol Holtrop Diaconal Assistant
Lori McLeod Diaconal Assistant
Alex Smith Diaconal Assistant

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE: OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

AM Service 79
AM Livestream
AM AVG. 2025 64
AM AVG. 2024 64

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PM Service	11
PM Livestream	
PM AVG. 2025	15
PM AVG. 2024	14

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

October Giving \$
October Budget \$



"Zacchaeus in the Sycamore Tree"

Unknown Artist